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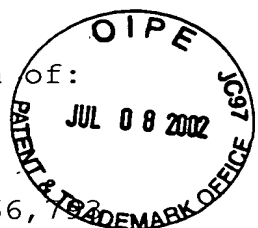
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: VESPER1

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In re Application of:)
S.J. VESPER)
Serial No.: 09/866,)
Filed: May 30, 2001)
For: METHODS FOR ISOLATING)
AND USING FUNGAL)
HEMOLYSINS)



Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: SHAHNAN-SHAH
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of
April 9, 2002, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (Amended) A method for determining if a mammal has been exposed to a hemolysin-producing fungus comprising contacting a sample from said mammal with labeled antibodies to fungal hemolysin or active fragments thereof and detecting the label to determine the presence of antigens to fungal hemolysin, wherein the fungal hemolysin is isolated by culturing a strain of fungus, removing cells and debris from the culture to recover supernatant, and isolating hemolytically active fractions of fungal hemolysin.